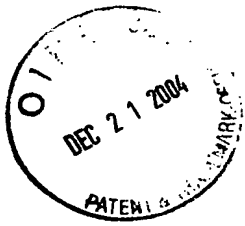


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the September 2, 2004 Restriction Requirement. With the extension, the deadline to respond is January 2, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same,

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